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A GRATIFYING REPORT

THE very excellent and complete report of the "commerce and customs business" of Alaska for the year 1912, which is just at hand from the office of Collector of Customs J. R. Willis, makes a gratifying showing. The report states: "Although there was no material increase in the population of Alaska during the calendar year 1912, the commerce of the territory broke all former records in almost every particular."

The total trade was twenty-seven per cent higher than for the misfortune to freeze his feet badany previous year, while the balance of trade in favor of Alaska ly on the Chestochina. was the largest of record, amounting to nearly twenty million dollars. It is further shown that for the first time in the history of the Territory both the shipments of merchandise from the United States and from Alaska, passed the twenty million mark. Another matter of more than passing interest-especially to the people of Southeastern Alaska—is the statement that the shipments to this section "show an enormous increase, and for running a gambling game. are more than double those of any of the other three divisionsdue to the increase of salmon canneries and the extensive devlopment of mining properties in the Juneau district."

Alaska, until within a recent time, has been known princi- broke into her shack, took the wom- male choir. Sunday School meets at pally for her production of gold and furs, and gold constituted an and her baby and 15-year-old daughthe great proportion of the Territory's exports; and, as the report states, though greater in 1912 than for the two previous thrown into the snow. Only three of years, it was fifty per cent less in value than the total of the the soldiers were identified. other Alaska products shipped to the United States and was exceeded by the single item of salmon-canned and otherwise preserved.

These statements are more than ordinarily interesting and day crew of five men each and netted at 7:30. Rev. G. E. Renison will are significant as well. They show a wonderful expansion of the \$1,000 a day. salmon cannery business and accentuate the necessity existing for the proper conservation of this valuable food fish by the enforcement of sane regulations and the artificial propagation of the species. Salmon is a much too important asset of the Territory to permit the depletion of these waters.

The production of gold indicates an upward tendency and it dicted by a grand jury as the result is safe to say that the low water mark in the mining of Alaska of a fight between squawmen and gold has been reached, and the coming years will note a steady increase, due to the extensive development of quartz and the in- upon. troduction of dredges to handle the immense low grade alluvial deposits of Seward peninsula and the interior country.

The steady increase in the output of copper also shows the advance that Alaska is making in this important industry.

The careful and methodical work of Collector of Customs of the Daykin family and damaged Willis and his efficient staff, is worthy of commendation. The Wayne Blue home. Mrs. Daykin and statistics presented have been carefully compiled and they will daughter were burned about the face, be of large benefit to the Territory at large, as they typify in but not seriously. a concrete way the strides that Alaska is making industrially and commercially.

A fatal accident last night was narrowly averted when an said to be alive on the Arctic coast, alley broke and dropped several people, including a number of women and children, into the tideflats below Fortunately the tide was out and no one was drowned. But it was a most unpleasant and unnecessary experience, and is such as to call for an man, reputed to be worth a million, investigation. There is a blameworthiness somewhere.

AN URGENT NECESSITY.

THAT there is no provision made by the Government for paying the necessary expenses that must be incurred in effecting quarantine and caring for the afflicted, in case of an epidemic of contagious diseases in Alaska, is as deplorable as it is true. The Government cannot be blind to the fact that such a condition exists. As a matter of fact it is not. Representations have been made time and again to Washington, but without result. A little more than a year ago the town of Eagle maintained a quarantine against Dawson, where smallpox was prevalent, and the town after exhausting its own treasury made an appeal for financial help from other towns of the Yukon country. The United States officials rendered all the aid they could, but a fed- in office under the Wilson administraeral official in Alaska is not a national bank, and if he were to tion. respond to every appeal to his purse, his diet would soon be reduced to straight beans.

Following the Eagle quarantine small-pox appeared among the natives at Fort Yukon and on the Porcupine river, in Canada. The Yukon territorial government immediately dispatched a relief steamer with medical and other supplies, and instituted a strict quarantine and the disease was soon stamped out. On the American side the missionaries and other white people did the for Washington, D. C., to present to best they could until the epidemic was abated.

Common humanity, to say nothing of common decency, demands that permanent provision be made for effecting a prompt dured nearly fifty-eight years. quarantine in such cases, and to do this a fund must be created and placed at the disposal of the federal authorities in each judicial division.

The diphtheria outbreak at Sitka and Hoonah serves to emphasize the urgent need of some adequate means to meet an and Hoods Canal for 2,840 acres near emergency of this kind. The territorial legislature would do well Point No Point, in Washington State. to memorialize the Congress and endeavor to obtain relief from an intollerable condition.

RECALL OF PRESIDENTS

F WE are to have the recall of judges and other elective officials, why should the President of the United States be ex- is on his way to make a last appeal empt? He holds his office by the will of the people, the same to the Great White Father. as a county coroner or a justice of the peace; and if the lesser officials are made subject to recall the President should take his base their position was signed Jan. chance with the rest of the elect. The recall of officials may have Prince of Wale's predecessor, and fifits virtues; we know it has its faults, and in the cases to which ty sub-chiefs for the Indians by Gov. it has been applied, and which have come to our knowledge, it Isaac I. Stevens, for the government.



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Faith." Evening service at 7:30, sub-

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has not been an unmixed blessing. When a dishonest or incompetent man attains office the operation of the recall system can be made to meet his case, but it has been worked overtime by people who have had nothing better to do. A number of cities have adopted it, and so has the State of California, and it will no doubt in time be reduced to a simple workable quantity. Something that it now lacks.

Dickinson.

Alaska News Notes

J. A. Jacobsen an old time prospector of the Copper river country, had

P. W. Erwin, father of Judge G. B. Erwin, of Fairbanks, died recently in noon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs.

Commissioner Albrecht, of Iditarod, ecently fined three men \$250 each

Seven soldiers were arrested at St. Michael in December for criminally ject, "The Relation of Environment assaulting a native woman. They to Responsibility." Special music by ter out on the ice in the bay. The girl at the manse on Friday afternoon at succeeded in escaping. The baby was 2:30.

Circle district, Pete Anderson last fall munion at 8:00 a. m. Sunday School worked for 30 days, with a night and at 12:30. Evening prayer and sermon

A. G. Peterson, an aged Fairbanks

missioner at Circle City, has been in- Thursday evening at 7:30. bootleggers. It is believed by many that the grand jury has been imposed the Christian Science hall, Sunday, at

orted to be running day and night. | Christian Science can be had at the

A fire in Seward destroyed the home

Joseph Geraghty, supposed to have een murdered in the Chandlar country several years ago, by Indians, is near Herschel island, where he is living with the natives.

Tom Aitken, the Iditarod mining walked into the marshal's office at Valdez, and paid a debt of \$92 for Jack Connolly, who had been arrested there on a complaint from Fairbanks. Aitken some years ago signed a check for \$600,000 for Frank Manley, when some interior bankers were trying to squeeze Manley out of some valuable ground.

The Fidalgo Mining Co. made its first shipment of ore to the Tacoma smelter a few days ago. The ore runs about \$20 to the ton. The mine is in

Friends of United States Marshal H. P. Sullivan, of Valdez, have circulated a petition asking that he be retained

INDIANS ARE CARRYING PLEA TO WASHINGTON

The Prince of Wales, the present Chief of the Clallam tribe of Indians, who have been homeless and landless since 1855, has started from Seattle ment the Indian's petition for redress of grievances which they have en-

In 1855 a treaty between the Inunder the terms of which the Indians were to surrender their hereditary lands lying between Cape Flattery The Indians vacated their lands, but when they arrived at their new hunting ground, found it had been given

to another tribe. Repeated appeals have failed to get the return of their old homes or the assignment of new lands, it is al-

The treaty on which the Clallams

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H. P. CROWTHER U. S. Deputy Surveyor

6:30. Meeting of the Official Board, Thursday evening. Meeting of the Office Over Purity Pharmacy Tuesday evening. Prayer meeting. Juneau - - - Alaska Woman's Social Union Friday after-

JOHN B. DENNY ATTORNEY-AT-LAW Morning service at 11, subject "The Distinctive Feature of Christian

Trinity Episcopal.

Tomorrow being the first Sunday Hydraulicking on Mastodon creek, of the month there will be Holy Compreach the first of a special series of Lenten sermons beginning tomorrow evening, subject, "The Power of a rancher, died at that place recently. Religious Life." Everyone is cordially welcome. Ladies' Guild meeting J. A. Cameron, United States com- on Thursday at 2:30. Choir practice

Christian Science

Chirstian Science service is held in 11 a. m., subject "Love." The public is welcome. Sunday School is held at The ten-stamp mill at Chena is re- 12:30. Literature and information of reading room on Wednesdays from two to five.

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Leaves Juneau for Funter and Chatham, 8:00 a. m.—Nov. 17, Dec. 11, Jan. 4, 28, Feb. 21, Leaves Juneau for Tyee, 8:00

a. m.—Nov. 23, Dec. 23, Jan. 22, Feb. 21, March 23.

Juneau - Skagway Leaves Juneau for Pearl Harbor, Eagle River, Yankee Cove, Sentinel Light Station, Jualin, Eldred Rock Light Station, Comet, Haines, Skagway, 8:00 a. m.

—Nov. 3, 9, 15, 21, 27, Dec. 3, 9, 15, 21, 27, Jan. 2, 8, 14, 20, 26, Feb. 1, 7, 13, 19, 25, March 3, 9, 15, 21, 27. Returning leaves Skagway the

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